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SUBJECT: REPORTED DISCOVERY OF OIL BY SOVIETS OFF ICELAND'S
CONTINENTAL SHELF

REF: STATE 185312

SOVIET SCIENTISTS SURVEYED WATERS AROUND ICELAND SEVERAL YEARS AGO BUT ACCORDING TO ICELANDIC OFFICIALS NEVER SUBMITTED REPORT. PRESS INSPIRED BY LOCAL POLITICIANS RECENTLY CARRIED STORIES TO EFFECT THAT SOVIET REPORT INDICATES POSSIBLY OIL-BEARING SEDIMENTARY LAYERS 160 KM NORTHEAST OF LANGANES (NORTHEASTERN TIP OF ICELAND). LAYERS ARE AT A DEPTH OF 900 METERS AND RUN TWO TO THREE THOUSAND METERS IN THICKNESS. LAYERS MAY EXTEND UNDER BASALT FORMING EASTERN PART OF COUNTRY BUT AT UNKNOWN DEPTHS. SOME 20-30 COMPANIES HAVE APPLIED TO GOI FOR PERMISSION TO EXPLORE DURING PAST FEW YEARS. DESPITE RECOMMENDATION OF GROUPS SET UP TO STUDY SITUATION, GOI HAS POSTPONED ANY DECISION TO ACT. ACCORDING
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TO CONVERSATION BETWEEN EMBOFF AND DEPSEC GEN MININDUSTRY LAST

WEEK, GOVERNMENT NO CLOSER TO DECISION.
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